Reasons for defeat in Hockey

†2788. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any investigation to find out the cause of defeat in hockey;

(b) the details of incentives given to hockey during the last ten years alongwith financial allocations made to this sport; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to win the matches in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL): (a) to (c) The primary responsibility for the development of various sports disciplines, vests in the National Sports Federations (NSFs). The Government supplements the efforts of recognized National Sports Federations (NSFs), for the promotion of excellence in sports, including hockey. Apart from providing support for holding national coaching camps through the Sports Authority of India (SAI), the Government also provides assistance, for the participation of national teams in training, and competitions within and outside the country, and the engagement of high performing coaches. Specifically in hockey, the Government has engaged, a high performance foreign expert, as Technical Adviser, to provide technical support to the national men and women teams, as also junior national teams. In addition to this, talented sportspersons in the age group of 14-21, are trained under various schemes of SAI, in SAI Training Centres, and SAI Special Area Games Centres, a large number of which have hockey among the disciplines in which training is imparted.

The financial assistance provided to Men and Women Hockey federations during the last ten years under the Scheme of 'Assistance to National Sports Federations' is as under:

(Rupees in Lakh)

	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Hockey (Men)	98.41	73.46	174.62	70.17	128.78	194.21	96.46	93.84	125.18
Hockey (Women)	81.72	35.77	106.84	35.10	30.87	110.35	78.81	111.64	191.64

Lack of equipment of sports

†2789. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is a lack of suitable material and equipment in order to prepare sportspersons for world level competitions;

(b) whether despite raising demands for standard archies, bullets and shuttlecocks for archery, shooting and badminton events, the required material is not being provided; and

(c) by when it would be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL): (a) to (c) While there have been no complaints from National Sports

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